

REMARKS

These remarks and the accompanying amendments are responsive to the Office Action mailed March 30, 2004. The Office Action rejected Claims 1, 3, 5 and 7 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a). By this amendment, Claims 1, 3, 5 and 7 are cancelled, thereby rendering this rejection moot. The Office Action also indicated that Claims 2, 4, 6 and 8 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but that the claims would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all the features of the base claim. Claims 2, 4, 6 and 8 have been so rewritten. Accordingly, all the pending claims are allowable and patentable over the cited art of record. Favorable action is thus respectfully requested.

In the event that the Examiner finds remaining impediment to a prompt allowance of this application that may be clarified through a telephone interview, the Examiner is requested to contact the undersigned attorney.

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